MR. R. S. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*) : ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറു മേലധികാരിയുടെ യുക്തംപോലെ നിയമനം നടത്താമെന്നാണോ സക്കുലർ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : അതിലേക്കു പ്രത്യേകം കാരണങ്ങൾ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്. പാർട്ട സി. ഉത്തരത്തിൽ ഒടുവിലത്തെ വാചകം വായിച്ചുനോക്കിയാൽ അറിയാം.

MR. R. S. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): ടെയിനിങ്ങ് ഉള്ളവരെയാണോ നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതു്?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : ആയിരിക്കാം.

MR. R. S. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): തീച്ചുപറയാമോ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): അറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ.

MR. R. S. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Communal claims നയാതൊരു ബോസിസും ഇല്ല?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): ഇല്ല.

MR. R. S. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*). അപ്പോൾ മേലധികാരിയുടെ യുക്തംപോലെ നിയമിക്കയാണോ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : അങ്ങിനേയും പറയുന്നില്ല.

Statement, by sex, of the office staff of the Women's College :

383. MR. M. GOVINDAN (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the number of (i) men, and (ii) women, employed in the office establishment of the Women's College, Trivandrum ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Three.
(*b*) Nil.

MR. M. GOVINDAN (*Nominated*) : With reference to the answer to parts (*a*) and (*b*), may I know why all the three clerks in the Women's College happen to be men, and not even one woman has been appointed as clerk there ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : These men were there already.

MR M. GOVINDAN (*Nominated*) : So, no fresh appointments have been made ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. M. GOVINDAN (*Nominated*) : Will it not be more appropriate to have women clerks in the Women's College, especially in these days when there are so many qualified women in need of appointments ?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : That is a question on which opinions differ.

MR. M. GOVINDAN (*Nominated*) : Are women clerks less efficient?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It is not a question of efficiency alone.

MR. M. GOVINDAN (*Nominated*) : Is it not more appropriate to have women clerks in the Women's College?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I have already stated that that is a matter of opinion ; and I do not wish to express an opinion on it at this juncture.

MR. M. GOVINDAN (*Nominated*) : Is there any possibility of anybody holding the opinion that men clerks would be more appropriate for the women's college?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : That is a hypothetical question.

MR. M. GOVINDAN (*Nominated*) : It is a direct question. I do not assume anything. There is no hypothesis in my question.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The member wants my opinion on the question as to whether there is any possibility of anybody holding the opinion different from his opinion on this matter. Such questions of opinion cannot be answered.

MR. M. GOVINDAN (*Nominated*) : What is the view of the Government on the matter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : What matter?

MR M. GOVINDAN (*Nominated*) : The appointment of women clerks in the Women's College.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : There is no objection to that.

MR. M. GOVINDAN (*Nominated*) : Will it not be more desirable, will not the surroundings be more convenient for all, if women clerks are appointed in the Women's College?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : There are various things to be considered, the kind of work to be done, the quantity of work to be done, the time of day when they have to work and ever so many other considerations.

Malayalam Shorthand.

384. MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Malayalam Shorthand is an optional subject of study for the English School Leaving Examination ;

(*b*) whether they have considered the desirability of making it a subject of study in vernacular schools ; and

(*c*) whether they have any proposal to make the subject more attractive to students?

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